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Rush on river banks

Families come calling on River Cauvery at Srirangapatna for 'Pitru Paksha'

People who want to perform 'Pitru Paksha' rituals assemble at Snana Ghatta (Bathing Ghat) near Sriranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangapatna.

By Vinay Karekura

Srirangapatna, Sept. 21- Thousands of families are converging at the historic town of Srirangapatna to pay respects to their elders in the form of offerings during this season of *Pitru Paksha*.

Every year, the river banks in and around Srirangapatna including Paschimavahini, Sopana Katte, Snana Ghatta, Gosai Ghat and Cauvery Sangama draw large crowds for this ritual. While all 15 days during the waning phase of moon or '*Pitru Paksha*' are considered auspicious, the ninth day or '*Avidhava Navami*' as well as the last five days culminating in *Mahalaya Amavasya* are significant and most suitable for this ritual.

Dressed in traditional attires, members of Hindu community congregate on the banks of River Cauvery for this special purpose. While hotels in and around Srirangapatna are making a brisk business with a long queue of tourists waiting to get their rooms, the Srirangapatna Town Municipal Council authorities are collecting Rs. 100 from each family who come here to perform the ritual.

Queues of people who want to perform the rituals at these places start as early as 7.30 am and there are a set of dedicated priests to perform the rituals. Well-known astrologer and priest Dr. Bhanuprakash Sharma has a team of over 100 priests to perform these rituals. This apart, there are other priests too to assist families in paying their respects to their ancestors.

(See BANKS on page 7)

Sweeping for Gold !

Women sweep the street in front of a jewellery shop on Ashoka Road looking for gold particles.

Mysuru, Sept. 21- When most of Mysuru is fast asleep, a group of men and women set out on a gold hunt on city streets that are dominated by jewellery shops like the Ashoka Road. Along the narrow alleys, they scrape a living scouring the dust and even the drains for specks of the yellow metal.

Armed with hand-brushes and small brooms, they walk the alleys and dust the streets for gold particles. Both the treasure hunters and gold traders share a strange symbiotic relationship. The sweepers keep the streets clean in exchange for a few thousand rupees worth of gold, which would have otherwise flown away into the drain.

To Our Readers

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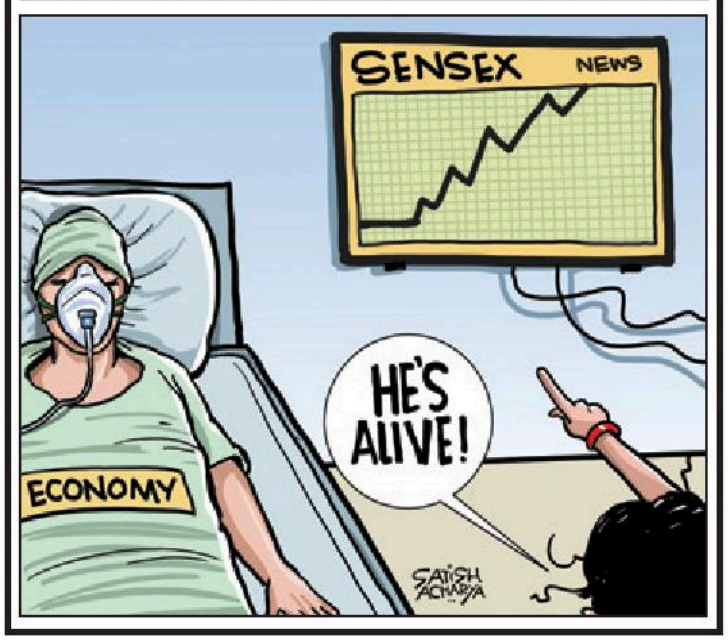
STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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Rights and responsibilities

After causing anxious feelings for both the Government and people of the land by weeks of delay, this year's monsoon seems to have gifted rains in plentiful over major areas across the country, even as sources in India Meteorological Department (IMD) regularly assured the farming fraternity that there would be *normal* rainfall, whatever that term meant. Barring a few districts out of nearly 740 districts of the country, rainfall far in excess of what the rivers and reservoirs could accommodate has prompted people of the regions ravaged by floods to pray for rains to abate. People of the districts in Karnataka which have witnessed rivers flowing copiously and reservoirs that have filled to the brim, particularly Mysuru, Mandya and Bengaluru appear to be *silently* feeling relieved that they have no cause for worry in the matter of getting their water needs met 100 per cent. One has reason to suspect that the people of these districts may have already gone into neglect mode of using the available water with care, avoiding the free flow of this precious gift of nature into the drains, instead of acting to raise the water table everywhere. In short, water shall remain an *eternal* agenda for administrations in the face of people focussed on their *rights*, forgetting their responsibilities, especially in conserving water resources.

The nation's Constitution provides several *rights* to the people that many outfits take upon themselves to raise their voices whenever one or the other of these rights are denied to one or the other section in the population. One such right being Right to Equality, in the august company of the Right to Freedom of Speech, seems to have clouded them from using their vocal cord to keep the erring masses on track in the matter of managing the nation's rivers and lakes to be bestowed freedom of existing without pollution.

On virtually every occasion of public outcry on the inability of administration to supply water of safe-to-use quality in adequate quantities day after day, the case of Bengaluru gets highlighted until the farmers of Mandya district come on the stretches of the highway leading to the metropolis, raising slogans and creating hurdles affecting movement of vehicles. At a convention of environmentalists in that city about two months ago, a call was given for revival of lakes by the Government and rainwater harvesting by the city's householders. The metropolis hosts nearly 30 lakh families, out of which even if one-third households fall in line, there should be no cause for spending waterless days in future. However, the task being more talked about in their drawing rooms than acting, Bengaluru has acquired the nickname "A Thirsting Monstrous City."

Conventional wells with their inbuilt feature of drawing water just enough to meet daily needs of families, lakes that charged subsoil aquifers for sustaining greenery, rivers that were sources of water for agriculture, ponds that met drinking water needs of livestock and other life-supporting water points like natural springs are talked about only in past tense. These sources have the *right* to be free from devastation in their respective locations by human beings who have to exercise their *responsibility* for their own good.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

After they started slapping stringent penalties on offenders under the amended Motor Vehicles Act, the Police in Uttar Pradesh are finding themselves in a sticky situation. There have been many instances when the aam janta has filmed Police persons flouting traffic rules and posted them online. There are also videos of alleged extortion. To pre-empt such cases, UP DGP O.P. Singh has announced that cops found breaching traffic rules would be fined twice the amount applicable as penalty. Traffic Policemen have been directed not to "harass" people in the guise of checking vehicles; they must stop vehicles only when there is proof of wrongdoing. *— In Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fisherman shocked as he reels in fish with huge eyes

Andoya: An angler had a big surprise when he accidentally reeled in a "weird, dinosaur-like" fish with large eyes.

Oscar Lundahl is believed to have nearly jumped out of his boat when he saw on the end of his line the strange-looking species with large, bulbous eyes. The 19-year-old man was fishing for blue halibut when he caught the weird fish off the island of Andoya in northern Norway. The weird fish turned out to be a ratfish, which lives in deep water and is distantly related to sharks.

It is harmless to humans and gets its name from its long, thin tail that some scientists in the past believed resembled a rat's. The ratfish's large eyes help in the dark as they reflect light like those of cats.

'Zombie snail' is freaking and amazing people

New York: A video of a creature being called a 'zombie snail' has gone viral on the social network, reminding everyone what a weird world we live in.

This reminder is all thanks to a user named Mike Inouye, who posted the clip which shows a snail whose motor functions and eye stalks have been taken over by a parasitic flatworm.

"This zombie snail. A parasitic worm Leucochloridium has taken over its motor functions and eye stalks, making them into caterpillar mimics so birds will eat them. The worm can then reproduce in the bird's GI tract, eventually transmitting via its faeces," he explained.

Many people were freaked out by the whole thing, while also being a little bit in awe of nature.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What are the most important supplements to take?

Among the most important supplements to take daily are: Fish or Krill oil, magnesium, vitamin D, probiotics, curcumin, resveratrol, vitamin K2, COQ10 and whole-food multivitamin.

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Annual General Body Meetings

Mysuru, Sept.21- **Bharat Ratna Dr. M. Visvesvaraya Housing Co-operative Society** will hold its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) at 9.30 am on Sept.22 at the IEI premises on JLB Road. Society President Dr. K. Raghuram presides.

Animal Husbandry Department Employees Housing Co-operative Society, City Veterinary Hospital premises, will hold its AGM at 10 am on Sept.22 at Karnataka Sahakara Okkuta Mahamandali, Manandavadi Road, Chamundipuram.

Mysuru District Employees Housing Co-operative Society will hold its AGM at 10.30 am on Sept.22 at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram.

The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd. will hold its AGM at 10.30 am on Sept.22 at its Head Office on New Sayyaji Rao Road. Bank President Dr. Abdul Ravoof will preside. Senior members of the Bank will be felicitated and scholarship will be distributed to the children of share holders, who have excelled in SSLC and PUC exams.

Mysore University Employees Co-operative Credit Society, Ltd., will hold its AGM on Sept. 22 at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall at 9.30 am. Society President G.M. Mahadev will preside.

Commercial Taxes Department Employees Housing Board Co-operative Society will hold its AGM on Sept. 22 at 10 am at Kuthethur Sitharamarao Bhavan, Krishnamurthypuram. Society President G.V. Ramu will preside.

District HOPCOMS Mysore, will hold its AGM at 10.30 am on Sept.25 at 11 am at the Mango Grove on Mysuru- T. Narasipura Road.

B.Ed exam fee: Sept.30 last date

Mysuru, Sept.21- University of Mysore (UoM) will be conducting the written exam for B.Ed on Oct.22. The practical exam will be held prior to the written exam.

The application form for the exam must be downloaded from the UoM website ***www.uni-mysore.ac.in*** and filled-in forms must be submitted along with the exam fee before Sept.30, according to a press release from the University Registrar (Evaluation).

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VOICE OF THE READER

Vijayanagar Stadium serenity destroyed by parking lots

Sir,

The much-needed space for sportspersons and evening walkers in Vijayanagar Stadium is now encroached and disturbed by mindlessly allowing vehicles inside the stadium campus.

Since a new private gym started operating in the public space (through tender, as informed), the gates have been kept wide open for vehicles to reach till the doorstep of the gym.

It was a very peaceful space for elderly and children to move around the stadium which is now frequented by swanky vehicles and haphazardly parked two-wheelers.

Add to that, the community hall (bang in front of the stadium) visitors who can now conveniently barge into the stadium and utilise the space for parking, so convenient!

I request the authorities to retain earlier system and immediately stop allowing private vehicles inside the stadium. Give some space for health-conscious citizens too.

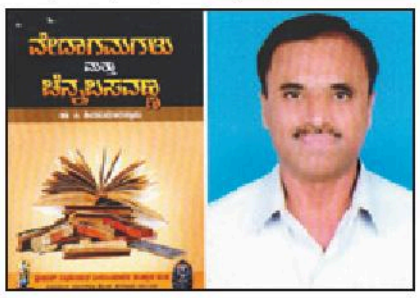
—Aruna Rakesh

Mysuru
15.9.2019

Dr. C. Shivakumaraswamy

selected for 'Sri Shivarathreeshwara' Award

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (US)- Retired Sanskrit Professor **Dr. C. Shivakumaraswamy** has been selected for the 'Sri Shivarathreeshwara' Award-2018 for his book 'Vedagamagalu mattu Chennabasavanna'.



The award is instituted by Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment and is being given since 1983 for good books related to literature, religion and culture.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000, a memento and a citation.

Profile: Dr. C. Shivakumaraswamy is a scholar, researcher and an orator. He is adept in editing, reviewing, translation and lexicography. He has published over 150 research papers and has been honoured by many organisations with several awards. The award will be presented to him at a function to be held soon.

Yakshagana 'Sita Parityaga' on Sept. 29

Mysuru, Sept. 21- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mysuru Kendra, has organised Yakshagana 'Sita Parityaga' by Sri Mahaganapati Yakshagana Mandali, Nidle, at the Bhavan's premises in the city at 6 pm on Sept. 29 (Sunday).

Biochemistry Professor in University of Mysore Dr. K. Gopal Marathe will be the chief guest. Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, Chairman of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mysuru, will preside over the programme, according to a press release.

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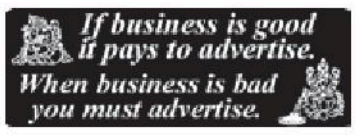

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NEWS BRIEFS

Animals adopted

The following persons have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under "Adoption of Animals" scheme by paying the Adoption Fee — Kiran Sahadev: two Peacocks (Rs.7,000); N. Akshay Kowshik: Rat Snake and Rose Ringed Parakeet (Rs.3,000); R.Vinay Kumar: Red Avadavit (Rs.1,000); Savithri Convent: Sarus Crane and Himalayan Goral (Rs.12,500); S.Likith: Common Rat Snake (Rs.1,000); Aasare Foundation: Sarus Crane (Rs.7,500); Shobha S. Kiran: King Cobra (Rs.3,500).

Recruitment of doctors

The District Health and Family Welfare Department will recruit thirteen doctors to be posted at the Primary Health Centres and Health Extension Centres in rural areas of the District through a direct interview to be held on Sept.25. The recruitment will be on a contract basis based on merit and roster rules. MBBS qualified doctors can attend the direct interview at the Office of the District Health and Family Welfare Officer, NPC Hospital premises, Nazarbad, at 10.30 am on Sept. 25, according to a press release.

Training for Army recruitment rally

With the Department of Saink Welfare and Resettlement, in association with the District Employment Exchange Office, scheduled to hold an Army recruitment rally from Oct.13 to 18 at the District Stadium in Madikeri, Kodagu, the Department is organising a free pre-recruitment training camp for SSLC/PUC candidates from Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts from Oct. 1 to 11. Candidates interested in joining the Army, can register by presenting the necessary documents (2 passport size photographs and Xerox copy of marks cards) at the Office of Department of Sainik Welfare and Recruitment, near DC Office, Mysuru before Sept.25. For details, call Ph:0821-2425240 or 2489972.

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Deputy Chief Minister visits *SOM* Office

Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, who was on a whirlwind tour of Mysuru, paid a courtesy visit to Star of Mysore *Office in Bannimantap yesterday afternoon. He is seen with* (from left) *BJP leaders B.P. Manjunath, R. Raghu Kautilya, N.V. Phaneesh,* SOM *Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna, City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath,* SOM *Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy, leaders Prasanna and S.K. Dinesh.*

Siddharamaiah firm on Film City in Mysuru

Siddharamaiah

Bengaluru, Sept.21- Raising his voice against the moves to shift the proposed Film City out of Mysuru, Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has warned the Government of launching a severe agitation if the Government went ahead with its plans.

Responding to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's statement that the Film City will be shifted from Ramanagara to Devikarani-Roerich Estate in Bengaluru, Siddharamaiah said that the Yediyurappa Government's decision to establish the Film City at Devikarani-Roerich Estate on Kanakapura Road in Bengaluru was not correct.

Pointing out that in the first instance, the decision of the previous Coalition Government to establish the Film City at Ramanagara was wrong, Siddharamaiah maintained that the proposed Film City should not be moved out of Mysuru for any reason. Also, most of the artistes want the Film City to be in Mysuru, he added. Noting that most of the top actors are from Mysuru, Siddharamaiah said the Congress Government headed by him had allotted 110 acres of land at Immavu in Varuna Constituency near Mysuru and also announced Rs.25 crore grant for the Film City. Following the Government sanction, works on the project have already begun and now it is not right to shift the project to some other place.

Insisting that the Film City must come up in Mysuru, the former CM warned of launching an agitation if the Government goes ahead with its plans to establish the Film City at Bengaluru by ditching Mysuru.

Continuing, Siddharamaiah said the Congress Government, as per the wishes of top actors like late Vishnuvardhan and late Ambarish, had announced Film City for Mysuru. But the present BJP Government has planned to establish the same at Bengaluru, he said and added that intellectuals and environmentalists have severely opposed setting up of the Film City at Devikarani-Roerich Estate.

Bharathi celebrates Vishnu's birthday with mahouts' children

Mysuru, Sept.21 (US&RKB)- The 69th birth anniversary of actor late Dr. Vishnuvardhan was celebrated by various organisation in city on Sept.18.

Vishnu Abhimani Balaga had organised a function at Palace premises here where actor Bharathi Vishnuvardhan cut a cake and distributed among the children of mahouts and kavadis. She also distributed books and stationery to the kids.

Bharathi opined that the children who live in forests have unique talents being in close proximity to nature and wild animals but it should be identified

and nurtured. She recalled Vishnu's love for forest and animals which was portrayed through movies like *Gandhada Gudi, Naagarahole* and *Jayasimha.*

District Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash recalled that all movies starring Vishnu carried a social message, many being family stories.

Balaga President M.D. Parthasarathy sought a statue of Vishnu at Vishnuvardhan Park oppositethe Palace. Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, actor Anirudh, Vishnu's daughter Keerthi, Tent School Nodal Officer Kusum and others were present.

Serial husband who married widows through matrimonial sites arrested

Accused hailed from Saraswathipuram in Mysuru

Bengaluru, Sept. 21- This 45-year-old conman has studied till SSLC but managed to marry four women without the others knowing about it. Finally his third wife, a software engineer, found out about his fraudulent activities and approached the Police.

The RMC Yard Police in Bengaluru arrested N.R. Ganesh alias Vikram alias Karthik alias Harish Kumar, a resident of Saraswathipuram in Mysuru. According to the Police, Ganesh had married four widows one after the other and made sure that he did not give any clue that he had been married to other women as well.

Ganesh approached widows through social network remarriage sites and married them by making false promises to them. He has also confessed that he had cheated people by promising them bank loans. He would also cheat aged persons and helpless women.

If the victims were looking for software engineer, he would pose like one. Like his third wife, it is not even clear if the other wives knew about his cheating. He would ensure that

Ganesh

none of his wives were from the same place. To each wife, he identified himself with different names.

The accused had studied till 10th Standard. He had married Savitha, a garment factory worker, from Rajajinagar about 15 years ago. Ganesh had then married Gayathri alias Suchitra some seven years back in Kodagu. He had kept her in a rented house in Mysuru.

After this, he uploaded his profile in 'Brahmi Matrimonial' and got in touch with Lalitha, a software engineer and a widow. He married her in 2015, without the knowledge of the other two women. However, he has divorced Lalitha now. Again in 2019, he got in touch with another woman Asha and got married to her.

Meanwhile, the mother of his third wife Mahalakshmi got suspicious about his activities and got wind of his cheating ways. Then, she approached the RMC Yard Police and lodged a complaint against him. When the Police arrested Ganesh, he had confessed that he had used different networking sites to find widows and helpless women. He introduced himself with different names to the victims.

RMC Yard Police Inspector K.H. Mahendra Kumar has appealed to the public and women who have been cheated by him to approach the Police Station. Presently, the accused has been remanded to judicial custody.

"The accused was staying in his third wife's house and had taken away her gold and silver ornaments and cash. He has also cheated two family friends of his third wife of Rs. 35 to Rs. 40 lakh for a property deal. His third wife was staying in an upscale apartment on HMT Main Road. He has taken Rs. 9.5 lakh in cash from another resident of the apartment," the officer said.

Winter Session of Legislative Assembly from Oct. 14

Bengaluru, Sept. 21- The winter session of the Karnataka Legislature will be held in Bengaluru from Oct. 14 to 26.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's Cabinet yesterday took the decision to hold the session in Bengaluru and not at the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi as the district is yet to recover from the damage caused by the recent heavy floods.

Ever since the inauguration of Suvarna Vidhana Soudha, it has been a convention to hold the winter session in Belagavi. Even as the Congress mocked the BJP of avoiding conduct of the legislature session there to escape the wrath of people suffering from the aftermath of the recent floods, the BJP, however, has insisted that it would rather hold the session in Bengaluru than disrupt relief and rehabilitation work in Belagavi by diverting bureaucrats and officials.

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Man goes missing

Shankar

Mysuru, Sept.21- Adding to the long list of persons going missing from the city, a 46-year old man has gone missing from Udayagiri Police limits since Sept.9. Shankar, 46, who left his house on the evening of Sept.9 has not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged by his wife at Udayagiri Police Station. Shankar is 5.6' in height, oval faced, medium built and wheatish in complexion.

He speaks Kannada and Hindi. Those who come across any clues about the said missing person, can contact Udayagiri Police Station.

Obituary

M.H. Anand Kumar

Mysuru, Sept.21- M.H. Anand Kumar (76), brother of late actor and former MP Ambarish and a resident of Chamarajapuram, passed away early this morning at Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research in city. He is the grandson and adopted son of the legendary Violinist (Pitil) T. Chowdiah

Anand Kumar, who used to run an Automobile Workshop on Chamaraja Double Road had retired from his profession.

He leaves behind his wife G.C. Rajeshwari, sons Chetan Kumar, Madan Kumar and Chandan Kumar, sister-in-law MP Sumalatha Ambarish and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held on Sept.23 at 11 am at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Hinkal Ramdas

Ramdas (63), a resident of Hinkal passed away yesterday.

Ramdas, a native of Badanaguppe in Chamarajanagar taluk, leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

He had served as the Director and Joint Secretary of Mugur Karnataka Brahmana Sangha.

Last rites were performed at his native village Badanaguppe on yesterday evening.

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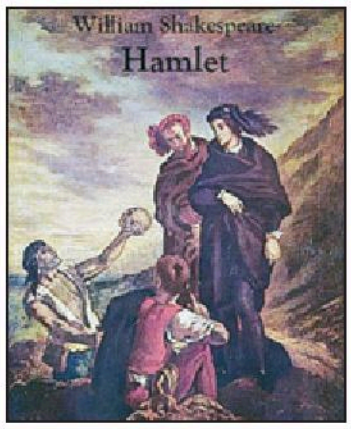
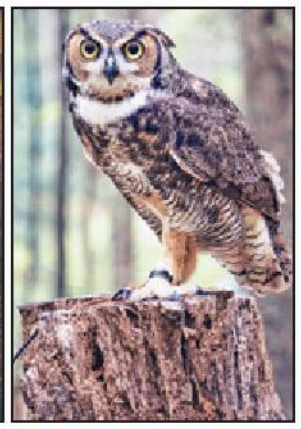
Father's advice to his son

King Solomon





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Neither a borrower nor a lender be, For loan oft loses both itself and friend

It is commonly said all good things are free. Please don't mistake these good things for gold, diamond, cars and clothes. It generally means sunlight and air. And I might add advice too. There are always people around to give unsolicited advice and advice on subjects which the 'wise man' is ignorant about.

However, while at the College I studied two Shakespearean dramas, one was *Julius Caesar* and another *Hamlet*. In *Hamlet*, there is a monologue from Act.1, scene 3 which is memorable as an advice from a father to his son. The father Polonius was Chief Counsellor to the King, the father of Hamlet. His son, Laertes prepares to go to Paris for higher studies and at that time his father Polonius gives the following advice: "*Yet here, Laertes? Aboard, aboard, for shame!*

The wind sits in the shoulder of your sail,

And you are stayed for. There — my blessing with thee,

And these few precepts in thy memory

Look thou character. ***Give thy thoughts no tongue,***

Nor any unproportioned thought his act.

Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar.

Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,

Grapple them unto thy soul with hoops of steel,

But do not dull thy palm with entertainment

Of each new-hatched, unfledged courage.

Beware

Of entrance to a quarrel; but being in,

Bear't that th' opposèd may beware of thee.

Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice;

Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgement.

Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy,

But not expressed in fancy; rich, not gaudy,

For the apparel oft proclaims the man,

And they in France of the best rank and station

Are of a most select and generous chief in that.

Neither a borrower nor a lender be,

For loan oft loses both itself and friend,

And borrowing dulleth edge of husbandry.

This above all, to thine own self be true,

And it must follow as the night the day

Thou canst not then be false to any man.

Farewell. My blessing season this in thee!

I remembered this highly proclaimed and popular advice from a father to his son when a doctor visited my house a couple of days back from Mandya. After initial pleasantries and platitudes, we sat down comfortably for a kind of homely gossip over tea and eats. It was then the doctor disclosed the advice his father gave him after approving the inter-caste marriage the doctor had decided on.

Of course, his wife was also a doctor though belonging to another State and different mother-tongue. I got curious not about the marriage but about the advice. After the marriage, the bridegroom and the bride were leaving for their new home. The father called his doctor-son to his presence in privacy and gave him the following advice:

Advice No. 1: Never stand a guarantor for money borrowed by others.

Advice No.2: Never arrange marriage alliance to anyone.

Advice No.3: Never borrow money from your wife.

If this doctor's father had advised to his son, why not I recall the advice my father imparted to me at the time I left home looking for a job elsewhere. Of course, his advice was in our native tongue, but I will translate them in English. **1. Never stop ploughing your paddy field and go after catching fish instead. 2. Never borrow money, what is saved is what is earned and 3. If some cattle-heads stray from the herd you are taking out for grazing, you don't go after the cattle that had strayed away but continue to follow the herd.** It simply means, if some people don't heed your advice leave them alone. Go with those who heed your advice.

I thought there is food for thought here wondering what would be the advice given by King Solomon, the legendary wise King of Jews of the ancient world, to his son!

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'Sculptors, painters ignored for Dasara Awards'

L. Shivalingappa

Mysuru, Sept.21 (NNN)- Every year during Dasara, awards are given to several artistes including musicians, dancers and others. But right from the time of the days of the Maharajas, one category of artistes who have consistently been ignored are the painters and sculptors.

Regretting this attitude of ignoring these two types of artistes, that is there for generations, Mysuru Art Gallery President L. Shivalingappa in a release said that those artistes who sang and danced in the court of the Maharajas were honoured with medals, titles and even houses. Besides, even the roads where they were residing were named after them and there are records to show these gestures.

However, this practice has continued even to this day in a democratic set up. During Dasara the musicians and others are presented with the title 'Asthana Vidwan,' but the painters and sculptors are continuing to be ignored.

At least from this year, the Government must recognise the painters and sculptors, urged Shivalingappa, on behalf of all the State-level artisans, in the press release.

Dasara holidays for schools from Oct. 3

Mysuru, Sept. 21- The Mysuru District Administration and the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) have decided to advance holidays for Dasara by three days. Consequently, instead of holidays commencing from Oct. 6, as was initially scheduled, all school children will have Dasara vacation from Oct. 3.

However, there is unlikely to be any change in the holiday schedule for Pre-University Colleges, despite many teachers and students objecting to conducting the mid-term examination immediately after the celebrations.

Announcing the advancement of the Dasara vacation for schools Mysuru, ZP CEO K. Jyothi said that mid-term examinations in most institutions were scheduled to end on Sept. 27. Schools will re-main open on Sept. 28 and 29 and teachers have been asked to prepare students for the two-day *Makkala Dasara* from Sept. 30. Gandhi Jayanti will be celebrated in all schools on Oct. 2 and holidays will commence from Oct. 3, she said.

According to the annual calendar of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Dasara vacation was scheduled between Oct. 6 and 20.

However, with the festival starting from Sept. 29, the DPI submitted a proposal to the District Administration, seeking to declare holidays for schools between Oct. 3 and 17.

Release of book 'Siddharamaiah Aadalita Antaranga-Bahiranga'

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (RKB&KS)- A book titled 'Siddharamaiah Aadalita Antaranga-Bahiranga' will be released on Sept. 22 at 11 am at a function organised at Jnanajyothi Hall at Central College premises in Bengaluru.

Disclosing this at a press meet held at Patrakarthara Bhavan here on Thursday, State Backward Classes Vedike State President K.S. Shivaramu said that the book has eight chapters containing information about the life of Siddharamaiah, who conducted administration under the social ideologies of D. Devaraja Urs, social justice, schemes, finance management social and education survey among others.

The book has been edited by K.T. Chikkanna and will be released by senior freedom fighter

H.S. Doreswamy. Former Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar will preside.

Former CM Siddharamaiah, Thinker Dr.K. Marulasiddappa, MLC H.M. Revanna, book editor K.T. Chikkanna, Gopalakrishna Swamy of Janamana Publications and others will be present.

Rush on river banks

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After performing purifying bath, they wear a dhoti and a ring of *'dharbe'* grass in their ring finger. *Pinda-Daan* (offering of *Pinda* or cooked rice or barley floor balls mixed with ghee and black sesame seeds) along with *'Tarpana pradana'* (offering of water with black sesame seeds) is performed to gratify the souls of departed ones and seek their blessings for health, wealth, knowledge and longevity and also ensure that departed souls ascend to heaven and ultimately attain *Moksha*.

'Pitru Paksha' ends on Sept. 28, the day of Mahalaya Amavasya. People who come to Srirangapatna for rituals, however, say that there are no safety measures in place. The water release from the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam stands at over 8,500 cusecs. That means, water at Srirangapatna is a bit turbulent. "The Town Municipal Council has not installed grills near the river banks preventing people from being washed away and nor there are divers to rescue people in case of accidents," said a priest. He adds that recently, a businessman from Bengaluru was washed away in Srirangapatna while immersing his mother's ashes at Triveni Sangama.

About *Pitru Paksha*

Death and afterlife have remained an enigma from ages. Even the earliest civilisations and cultures across the world have their own interpretations and rituals that are performed after the death of their kith and kin. These hugely varied traditions reflect a wide variety of beliefs and values.

Belief systems of Hindu religion is all about aligning human life to cosmic dimensions of nature which are at work from microcosmic to macrocosmic level. Dark fortnight, or the 15-day lunar period, called *'Pitru Paksha'* with its last new moon day or *Mahalaya Amavasya* is revered and honoured as an appropriate time to express gratitude for generations of ancestors who lived before and gave life to us. During this period, the first produce of new crops is offered as *'pinda'*.

Mahalaya Amavasya

Considering it as a duty to gratify souls of departed loved ones, people carry out *'Shraddha'* or rituals during the death anniversary on a stipulated date in a calendar year. Those all who wish to carry out this sacred act only once every year and others who miss to perform this obligation consider *'Pitru Paksha'*, in particular Mahalaya Amavasya, as most appropriate time to carry out necessary rites like *'Shraddha'* and *'Tarpana'*.

Hindu scriptures mention three kinds of obligations — Deva Runa (indebted towards Gods), Rishi Runa (indebted towards sages) and Pitru Runa (indebted towards forefathers and elders). It is believed that during *'Pitru Paksha'* fortnight there will be heightened awareness as the energies of disembodied beings hangs alive in the air and departed souls will be roaming free in their *'Pitru Loka'* to receive offerings on earth. Rituals and prayers performed during this fortnight carry a special merit, in particular on *Mahalaya Amavasya*, the universal day of remembrance.

Ashes of famous personalities

While these sacred rites can be performed near any ponds or rivers, Hindu tradition suggests carrying out these rituals in Gaya which is the holy abode of Vishnu. Srirangapatna is considered suitable for this purpose. Sriranganathaswamy temple located in this town at starting point of the upstream, where the deity is also known as 'Adi Ranga', is dedicated to Lord Ranganatha, a manifestation of Lord Vishnu.

As Hindus believe depositing a loved one's ashes in river helps the deceased attain 'Sadhgati' or frees the soul from the cycle of rebirth, ashes collected after cremation of well known personalities from Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, India Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Atal Bihari Vajpayee to Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar were immersed in River Cauvery.

Dy.CM promises compound for Maharani's college

Mysuru, Sept.21 (RKB&DM)- Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan who is also the Minister for Higher Education, IT and BT has assured to construct a compound wall at the fenced side of Maharani's College of Arts and Science on JLB Road here.

The Deputy CM who visited the college campus here yesterday as part of his official engagement, was apprised of the problems by student leaders and faculty. The students also demanded laptops to all students, irrespective of the category they belonged to.

When students complained of shut library and wired-fencing which was of no use, Ashwath Narayan assured to construct a compound wall at the fenced side of the college and thus ensure security and safety of students. He also assured to take necessary measures for re-opening of the closed library.

Speaking on the occasion, the Dy.CM said that he has received several complaints on lack of infrastructure in many Government Colleges and he would seriously look into the matter.

Explaining his agenda for better infrastructure in colleges, the Dy.CM said he was working towards linking Educational Institutions with IT and BT companies for projects and internship and the model in this regard was being finalised.

He further said that the Higher Education Department was exploring avenues where students can hone their skills and get employed.

MLA L. Nagendra, who also spoke, said that the Dy.CM has responded to his plea of constructing the college compound wall and also to improve the college infrastructure.

Dr. Ashwath Narayan was felicitated by students and the college faculty on the occasion.

Applications invited from women entrepreneurs

Mysuru, Sept. 21- Karnataka Exhibition Authority has invited applications from women entrepreneurs to exhibit and sell their products at Mysuru Dasara Exhibition this year. Interested women entrepreneurs can submit their applications before Sept. 27. For more details, contact Ph: 83102-50733.

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Annual General Body Meeting for the Year 2018-19

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Bank has been arranged to be held on 22nd September 2019 the Sunday at 10:00 AM in the Premises of the bank's new building No-9, "K" Block ,behind Ashokapuram police station, Adichunchanagiri Road, kuvempunagar ,Mysore-570023.

Dr. M.V Bhaskaramba, President of the Bank will preside.

The Annual General Body Meeting notice and the report book have already been dispatched by post to all the members. Members who have not received the notice and the report book, are requested to attend the meeting by treating this as the personal invitation.

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1. Bank will remain closed on **23/09/2019**, the Monday on account of general body meeting to be held on **22/09/2019**.
2. Silver jubilee gift will be distributed to members on sunday **upto 4-00 pm.** thereafter from **24/09/2019 to 10/10/2019** members are provided with gifts on the bank transaction hours. Members are requested to bring share pass book and ID card personally and sign the register to receive the Silver Jubilee gift. Members who attend the general body meeting are requested to sign the attendance register.

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

We need Dasara & our DC needs a leg-up

Mysureans love Dasara, not just because it's a celebration but also because it's a time for rejuvenation. Come Dasara, our administration becomes 'quick fix Murugan' to spruce up our city.

And they do this hurriedly and randomly. First, they start patching up roads, creating footpaths, clearing roadside vendors, etc. It seems every year our administration builds a "Dasara filmset." Then on October 9, it will all stop.

A few months later the make-up will wear off, just like bad quality cosmetics do. Soon potholes will make a come back, death holes in footpaths will reappear, street vendors will take over the footpaths again and 4 months after Dasara, Mysuru will go back to its non-filmy state.

This makes us wonder what would be the state of Mysuru city if we didn't have Dasara. Phew! It is for this reason that Mysureans must push to make Dasara a bigger and a grander festival while also making the city a destination for global events.

When a city has big events, people descend from all parts of the world. This forces the administration to keep the city in good condition perennially. Not to forget it also generates clean revenue for the city unlike heavy industries.

A Global Wellness Convention in Mysuru would be a good start. After all, India is becoming the biggest wellness destination. The wellness tourism industry, which includes Yoga and Ayurveda, is now a $439 billion industry worldwide and India is at the forefront with a growth rate of 22%.

And Mysuru being a world-renowned yoga centre with numerous Spas and Ayurveda Colleges is already at the cusp. All it needs is a little push in the form of a small convention, partly funded by the Government. This will do wonders for the city and its economy.

So, may be our leaders, Travel Associations and Hotel Associations must push Mysuru to realise its tourism and convention hosting potential.

DC needs help

To do all this you need an effective local administration and enthusiastic Corporators. Unfortunately while we do often get enthusiastic Deputy Commissioners, the local leadership don't support them. Add to this a Deputy Commissioner's workload is ridiculous.

Many may recall our former DC Shikha. A very efficient officer was burdened with heading 39 Committees! Our present DC, Abhiram G. Sankar has 35 Departments to run and is the Special Officer for 17 Dasara Sub-Committees! How can a DC do justice to his or her district?

A DC has way too many hats to wear. He has to be an able administrator, an accounts manager, a project inspector, an usher when VIPs visit and an "inaugurator" — after all, today every occasion calls for a chief guest from College fest to a Lit fest.

Apart form this, he should also be a Psychologist so he can gently pacify angry Pourakarmikas to keep the city clean. Then he has to be a "special-masseuse" as he has to massage the ego of politicians. He also has to be a monk, as he needs to have patience in abundance to handle the audacity and demands of politicians' *chelas*.

As if all this wasn't enough, the DC has to metamorphose into an event manager when Dasara comes! He has to coordinator between Food Committee and Hygiene Committee. He has to flag off elephants and approve decoration for the city!

At this rate, one day if the Dasara elephants fall sick we shouldn't be surprised if our DC is asked to carry the howdah!

After all this, if the event is a success the politicians will take all the credit; if it's not, the DC is forced to accept responsibility and also a transfer.

Not just the DC, even the other senior personnel are over-burdened with work and political pressures. This being the case, how can one expect an officer however competent to do justice to an event as grand as Dasara?

That is why the demand of the former Mayors of Mysuru for setting up of a **Permanent Karnataka Dasara Authority** on the lines of Karnataka Exhibition Authority should be considered.

Of course, the ex-Mayors are surely thinking of 'post-Mayor' positions more than making Dasara manageable. But the idea is good and the Government can always have a mix of their cronies along with committed event managers.

Also may be this Dasara Authority can outline the deliverables and outsource it to a management company. Grand festivals and sports events throughout the world are outsourced to event management companies. Why not Dasara? They can also make it more viable by coming up with a profit-sharing model instead of draining the State exchequer for Dasara.

For now, Dasara is important to us Mysureans not just as a prized event that puts Mysuru on the global tourist map but also as an event that rejuvenates our city's roads and uplifts our mood with lights and festivities.

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Weekend STAR Supplement

Mysuru Saturday 21st September 2019

Gold in the Gutters!

If the holy grail of medieval alchemists was turning lead into gold, how much more magical would it be to draw gold from grime-filled streets? Gold, as microscopic particles, has long been known to concentrate on streets dominated by jewellery shops. While there are a set of people who collect gold-laced mud from the roads and obtain milligrams of gold after processing, there is another set of people who look for gold, precious metals and coins deep inside river beds. They are bound together by a common cause — a daily gold or coin rush. This *Weekend Star Supplement* narrates the stories of these treasure hunters who have made this a profession — a profitable one at that.

Hunting creeks and rivers for Gold and Coins

A 4-inch long gold hairpin once owned by Queen of France Catherine De Medici was found lodged in a community toilet during an excavation of one of the buildings in a courtyard in the Fontainebleau Palace outside Paris. In the cesspit below the latrine, they also found a Gold Virgin Mary Medal and a Jewelled Cross.

Chances are that you are not going to look down drains and rivers near you and find gold and coins. But apart from coins, you just might find gold earrings, gold shirt studs and small gold items that can be worth more than you expect.

Here's a story that proves the point.

Treasure Hunters of Cauvery

By R. Amanda Fernandez

Diving is a profession or a leisure activity — quite enthralling and an adventurous experience, to explore and study the unknown water-bed. But for Jayanthi and her community of coin divers, it is not a leisurely activity but bread and butter obtained with hard and gruelling labour. They live in Srirangapatna, a small idyllic, historic and cultural town in Mandya District, 15 kilometres from Mysuru.

This unique group of women work round-the-year, braving bone-chilling waters of River Cauvery even in winter and monsoon, to collect and retrieve currency coins from the bottom of the river and make a living out of it. These are the same coins that are offered by devotees of temples situated on the banks of Cauvery.

The devotees, as a ritual practice, take a dip in Cauvery keeping coins on their head or hand as an offering to the deity. Other than the devout, pedestrians, passengers on vehicles, trains and on boats crossing the river too throw coins to the River Goddess. Believing that they will be absolved of all sins, some people fling rings, bracelets and other precious ornaments too into the river.

The divers say it isn't bad luck for them to take the coins offered by devotees as they believe that the holy water neutralises all evil things that come their way. Jayanthi and her community who hail from Kuppam Mandalam, Andhra Pradesh, migrated and settled in Srirangapatna many years ago. In her earlier days in the town, she resorted to masonry work around Srirangapatna and Mysuru and later switched to this profession of coin-diving and has been doing it for the past 15 years.

Jayanthi diving for coins in her routine action.

Jayanthi, wearing a scuba diving-like mask, looking for coins and other precious items in River Cauvery at Srirangapatna.

Jayanthi started diving in search of coins at the age of 45 and still continues to do so in her early 60s. She begins her work at dawn, sometimes diving from the bridge and sometimes from the banks, which keeps her busy as long as the sun is in up.

Each diving session lasts about 20-30 minutes, before she comes out and tries hunting for treasure in another spot. And she uses an eye mask like a scuba diving mask for a clearer vision underwater. On holidays, her grandson accompanies her.

"Some days I get Rs. 100 to 200 but on lucky days I find small ornaments. I have even found a gold ring," says Jayanthi. "It's a feasible and easy way of livelihood," she claims.

Out of years of experience in the trade, she knows exactly where to find the coins now. For instance, after the train passes on the bridge over the river, she knows the exact spot under the bridge where the coins could be found. Sometimes she witnesses devotees flinging coins into the river and dives in hunt of coins immediately. But it doesn't make her job seem less rugged.

Interestingly, divers have devised innovative techniques to "fish for coins". If due to extreme weather conditions they are unable to access the waters, they use a strong magnet which is tied to a string, which tends to attract newer coins.

When asked why she took up this profession, she says with a wry smile, "What can be done, I have to do something for my living. We live near the river, so we keep diving here. Diving for coins is the only source of our income."

Since almost two decades Jayanthi and her community have been living as nomads in and around Srirangapatna in tarpaulin huts and most of their kids do not have access to basic amenities. A nomadic way of life is fascinating on its own but it certainly puts forward an alternative vision of life.

Since generations, they are lured by the shine

Two women hunt for coins and precious metals inside Cauvery river bed in Srirangapatna. They do this only when the water-level is low.

By Vinay Karekura

There is another group of coin-and-treasure hunters at Paschimavahini in Srirangapatna. The speciality of this group is that they go in search of places where people come to immerse the ashes of their loved ones and perform 'Pitru Paksha' rituals every year at the designated auspicious season.

This group too hails from Andhra Pradesh and their native is Kurnool. They have put up shacks and tents near the Srirangapatna Railway Station and they come to Paschimavahini every day. Once they finished searching the river bed, they go to other places.

"We will be in one place for 30 days. And will not come to this place for the next two to three years. We lead a nomadic life and we go to places far and wide in search of treasures," said their team leader Lakshmi, who is 85.

Lakshmi comes here with her daughter and family in search for coins, gold and silver. "Rich people or people who have a strong belief in after-life and previous lives part with valuables of their loved ones while immersing their ashes. We have got bracelets, nose studs, rings and, of course, coins during our search," says Lakshmi.

Lakshmi has been in the profession since childhood and has learnt the tricks of the trade from her elders. Her family has even fished out British-era coins and valuables that sell now for a fortune. But these people sell valuables to local pawn-brokers for a small sum. If they have the resources, they melt the metal to form ingots. However, they are very secretive about what they do with the treasures. Ask them, they will just smile and carry on with their routine.

They are not the only ones in the job. There are several groups that hunt for gold and coins here. And places like Karighatta too have such treasure hunters. All of them venture into the river when the water level is low where they can see and spot sparkling valuables in clear water. And they are out of job when the river is in full spate. That's when they share the booty among themselves.

'Ghost killed my son'

Another woman in the group tells a story of her son who drowned in shallow water 12 years ago. "He was well-built and could swim a big lake in one go. He drowned in knee-deep water and it was shocking for us. He immersed the upper part of his body into water near a rock in search of valuables and he could not rise up as some 'spirit' on the rock held his head tight under water. How can we believe that such a good swimmer drowns in shallow water," she asks, again justifying her 'spirit' theory.

Her family members too support her views and say they never venture into the water alone. "We always do this in groups for safety purposes," they sign off.

Why do people drop coins into rivers?

Dropping or throwing coins into rivers has been a religious practice in India from thousands of years. Although it was started by ancient Indians and is still being followed, a lot of people don't know its real purpose. Over time, people came up with new reasons, ideas and stories around this practice.

"Dropping coins in the river will help you wash out your sins or throwing coins in river brings good luck or leaving something valuable in the rivers can make your wishes granted."

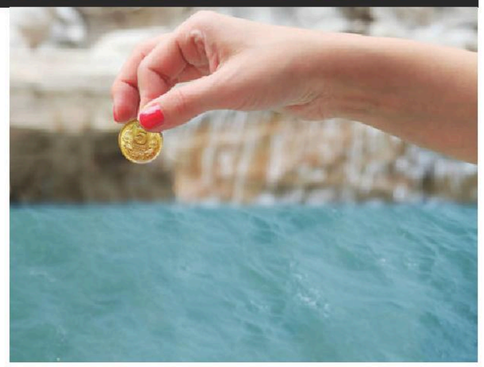
But here is a scientific reason. In the ancient days, currency coins were made of copper. Copper is a vital metal which is very useful to human body. Water stored in copper containers is good for health. Ayurvedic scripts too mention that storing water in copper and silver pots purifies water and keeps body healthy.

Copper is antimicrobial and kills infection-causing bacteria within two hours of exposure. Many restaurants use copper glasses for customers to drink water.

So why Indians throw coins into rivers?

Throwing copper coins into rivers was one of the methods our ancestors came-up with to ensure infection-free drinking water. Since rivers are the main source of drinking water, dropping copper coins underneath water helps kill bacteria, benefiting humanity.

So, why copper is no longer used? For some generations, dropping copper coins worked exceptionally well. But in these modern times, we don't use copper coins. Our currency is made of paper, stainless steel and aluminium. And recently everything went digital.



Sweeping Gold

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

The gold-diggers of Unnao found nothing. In Mysuru, however, several men and women — almost 50 of them — find gold on jewellery streets, sewage drains, dirty alleys and every nook and corner of a dusty street.

Every morning, a group of men and women make their way to Ashoka Road and other roads that have jewellery shops and workshops. Armed with a brush, a pan and a small vessel, they start sweeping the streets with all their might.

They scoop out the black, slimy sludge and scour for every speck of dust and mud they can find. They are neither municipal sweepers nor people with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. They are gold hunters or people who literally sweep gold.

Collecting grime

They come here to collect dust, grime, sewage water — whatever they can find from near jewellery shops and factories. Ashoka Road has several workshops, goldsmiths' shops and mini factories where craftsmen cut and carve gold and silver pieces to make rings, pendants, chains and other ornaments.

Inadvertently, some gold particles get stuck to their hands, to the soles of their shoes, or even in their hair. When these workers walk out of the unit or wash their hands, the stray gold particles make their way out of the protected walls of the shops, onto the streets. And these gold sweepers lay claim to this hidden treasure.

Gold dust

They are the treasure hunters — gold scouts of bustling roads. Typically, the drains around jewellery streets have gold dust mixed with the sludge in the drains. The hunters use magnets and sieves to separate metal from the scrap and pass this metal on to persons who separate the gold from other metals.

They arrive on streets at 5 am and sweep them till some time and collect gold in powder form. After the streets are swept clean, the next stop in the process is filtering units where people silt the waste and look for collateral find.

How the gold is obtained?

They use mercury to draw out accumulated gold. Once it is collected, the gold is sold to dealers in the same area. It has become such an organised business now and there are networks of unorganised labourers who contribute to smooth running of this business.

These hunters collect several kilos of mud and sludge from roads outside gold shops and workshops. They know where they are and it takes them three to four hours, after which the mud is handed over to sifters where the sludge is washed.

Now the process of cleaning the collected sludge begins. Expert hands — like the ones of 39-year-old Armugam — submerge the pan completely in water. All the granules, clay and dirt will float out as they are lightweight but gold is heavy and it will sink to the bottom. Gold is always last in the race to leave the pan.

As Armugam sifts through the mud with his fingers, tiny specks of dull yellow metal emerge. Mercury is now added to the mixture and gold sticks to mercury. All that remains in the pan now is gold-laden mercury.

Acid treatment

Next, particles are heated in acid as acid reacts with mercury to form solids. Gold, which is extremely inert, is left behind. "After heating the gold on a furnace, the liquid is poured into another vessel. A small blob left behind in the vessel is the gold. And the metal cools down, it is cleaned with soda to make it shine," he explains.

200 to 300 milligrams

If it does not shine, then it's not gold. And the day's find would be about 200-300 milligrams. After accumulating one to two grams over a couple of days, the metal is sold off to small-time goldsmiths.

"On an average, one sweeper can get up to two grams in a week. Each gram fetches us Rs. 2,800 and 100 milligrams earns Rs. 280. I have been doing this job since 20 years and my family members too are involved in the business. There are over 50 people in city in this trade," he says.

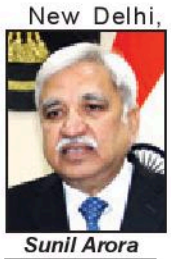
Both the treasure hunters and gold traders share a strange symbiotic relationship. The gold sweepers keep the streets clean, in exchange for a few thousand rupees worth of gold, which would have otherwise flown away into the drain anyway.

Strangely, there are no marked territories or areas. Everyone is welcome, or at least, there have been no major disputes or fights. There are no rules. "We don't fight for territory and it is always first-come-and-first-served basis. If we see some group sweeping a particular road, we quietly go to some other road. If you manage to find gold, it's yours. Otherwise, you're stuck with a pan full of sludge," he says.

[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Two women collect the grime from streets. Later, the mud is collected and carried to a drain where it is washed to collect solid material to obtain gold from it.

Karnataka by-election for 15 seats on Oct. 21


Sunil Arora

New Delhi, Sept. 21- The by-polls in 63 Assembly seats in 18 States including Karnataka and one Lok Sabha seat in Bihar will be held along with the State elections in Haryana and Maharashtra on Oct. 21, Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora said this morning. The results will be announced on Oct. 24.

The by-elections will be held in Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh, Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora told the reporters. "I request the cooperation of all stakeholders in this democratic exercise," he said.

In Karnataka, where disqualification of 17 rebel MLAs led to collapse of H.D. Kumaraswamy government in July, by-polls will be held in 15 seats. These are the first State polls after the national election this year that the BJP swept, clearing the way for a second term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Elections will be held for Hunsur, K.R. Pet, Mahalakshmi Layout, Shivajinagar, Yeshwantpur, Hirekerur, Ranebennur, Gokak, Athani, Kagawad, Hospet, Hosakote, Yellapura, K.R. Puram and Chikkaballapura. The dates for Maski and R.R. Nagar have not yet been announced.

This will also be the first time that elections will be held in Assam after the release of final citizens' list last month. By-elections will be held in four assembly constituencies.

Number of seats: Arunachal Pradesh (1), Assam (4), Bihar (5), Chhattisgarh (1), Gujarat (4), Himachal Pradesh (2), Karnataka (15), Kerala (5), Madhya Pradesh (1), Meghalaya (1), Odisha (1), Puducherry (1), Punjab (4), Rajasthan (2), Sikkim (3), Tamil Nadu (2), Telangana (1) and Uttar Pradesh (11).

Youths surrender to Police with old man's severed head

Mysuru, Sept.21- In a horrific incident, two youths who murdered an elderly man, surrendered to Bannur Police Station along with his severed head this morning.

Kempegowda (65), of Chamanahalli in T. Narasipur taluk, was sleeping at his home late last night, when two youths, identified as Madhu and Chetan of the same village, killed Kempegowda and surrendered to the jurisdictional Bannur Police Station this morning, bringing the severed head of Kempegowda along with them.

The Bannur Police, who have now arrested Madhu and Chetan, are interrogating the duo for more details.

Finally, MCC removes waste materials from its basement

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (RK&BCT)- Finally, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has started removing waste items from its cellar and the shifting process started Wednesday evening. The Civic Body was setting a bad example for people by converting its own building basement parking lot into a dumpyard and *Star of Mysore* had on Sept. 14 published the news under the title **'MCC turns basement parking into dumpyard.'**

The report had highlighted how the situation at MCC basement was bad where officers and employees were scared to enter the place as there were a couple of snakes that have taken shelter there. The basement was designed while constructing a new building for Election Section. Initially, employees used to park their vehicles at the basement.

But gradually, the place turned a dumpyard for furniture, unused materials, Swachh Bharat dustbins, iron rods and sheets, benches, tables, chairs, files, shelves, old vehicles, ornamental lamp posts, pipes, ladders and even metal advertisement hoardings. In the absence of parking facility at the basement, employees used to park their vehicles around the compound and there was hardly any space for Corporators and public to park.

Following the publication of the report, the MCC authorities got into the act and began clearing the waste. The contract for lifting the unused items was given to a scrap dealer. Once the waste is shifted, the basement will be painted and the space will be allocated for employees to park their vehicles.

B.S. Vijayaraghavan to receive 'Rajya Sangeetha Vidwan' Award

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (RK&BCT)- Noted classical singer Vidwan B.S. Vijayaraghavan has been selected for this year's 'Rajya Sangeetha Vidwan' Award which will be conferred on her by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa at the inaugural ceremony of Dasara cultural programmes at Mysore Palace premises on Sept. 29. His name was selected and sent to the government for approval by the Dasara Cultural Committee.

Eighty-five-year-old Vijayaraghavan is the retired principal of Fine Arts College, University of Mysore and he retired in 1996. Basically from Shivamogga, Vijayaraghavan shifted to Mysuru and is a resident of Kuvempunagar.

World Rhino Day at Zoo tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept. 21- Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens will celebrate World Rhino day, on Sept. 22 (tomorrow)

Rhinoceroses are large, herbivorous mammals identified by their characteristic horned snouts. Rhinoceros are recognised by their massive bodies, stumpy legs and by horns.

Mysuru Zoo has Indian rhino and Southern white rhinoceros. Habitat loss and poaching for horns are the major threats for rhinoceros. In 2010, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) declared World Rhino Day to save the remaining rhinos.

'Memory Walk' marks World Alzheimer's month

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (US&MTY)- Marking World Alzheimer's Month, a 'Memory Walk' was organised in city this morning by Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI).

The walk was aimed to create an awareness among people on Dementia. About 300 students participated in the walk commencing from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple and passing through D. Devaraja Urs Road before culminating near DC's office. Posters and banners on Alzheimer's Disease were carried by the participants.

Flagging off the walk, MLA S.A. Ramdas recalled the Sept. 21 is commemorated after Dr. Alois Alzheimer came out with his research findings in 1906 of a woman who had died of a mysterious mental illness which later on was named after the doctor. He said that over 10 lakh people are affected by the disease every year access the world which can only be controlled. He disclosed that Ayurveda and Yoga were good for memory and quoted the wonder uses of 'Oandalage Soppu' in that context. He said that ARDSI had sought a separate hospital for Alzheimer's patients which is difficult but opined that K.R. Hospital can start a separate wing for that. He assured that he would discuss with Prime Minister to make drugs for Alzheimer's disease available at Jan Aushad shops at affordable rates.

ARDSI Mysuru Chapter President Dr. Hanumantachar Joshi, Mayor Pushpalath Jagannath, Maharaja's Institute of Technology President Dr. S. Murali and others were present.

Yuva Sambhrama — Day 4

Students create awareness on environmental issues

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (YDS&VNS)- Day-4 of the ongoing Yuva Sambhrama at Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri witnessed various colleges creating awareness on the importance of oxygen, scarcity of water, ill-effects of deforestation, ban on plastic and other issues through dance performances, yesterday.

B.Ed students of K.M. Doddi Bharathi College performed a ballet to create awareness on environmental conservation. They also showed how trees are important for survival of human beings and most importantly their necessity for livestock.

Save Kodagu

With heavy downpour lashing Kodagu district recently and causing damage to life and properties, students of Sri Adichunchanagiri Education Trust of Virajpet showcased the damage caused by heavy rain and how volunteers of various organisations including Army personnel participated in rescue operations and saved lives of many people and livestock.

Students of Shanthi Arts, Commerce and Science College, Mandya through their performance, showed how a debt-ridden farmer was forced to commit suicide.

This was followed by students of Government Home Science College, Holenarasipura performing Kannada and Culture. Later, students of Government First Grade College, Kushalnagar, Government First Grade College, Holenarasipura and Government Pre-University College, Talakad performed on various topics such as harassment of women and their empowerment.

Swami Vivekananda's Chicago address an awakening to new age: Hampana

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru
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University of Mysore, Mysuru

Swami Jnanayoganandaji of Ramakrishna Ashrama, addressing the gathering at the 125th Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Address at Senate Bhavan in city this morning. (Picture right) University of Mysore Vice Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru President Swami Muktidanandaji, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Nadoja Prof. Hampa Nagarajaiah and Ramakrishna Vidyashala Chief Swami Yukteshanandaji during the inauguration of a two-day national seminar on 125th Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Address, organised by Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru in collaboration with Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Centre for Philosophy and Indian Culture, University of Mysore, at the Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Sept.21 (RKB&NNN)- Swami Vivekananda's electrifying address at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago (1893) with his crystal clear voice addressing the gathering, 'Sisters and Brothers of America....' was an enlightened awakening to the new age, said Nadoja Prof. Hampa Nagarajaiah (Hampana).

He was speaking after inaugurating a two-day national seminar on 125th Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Address, organised by Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru in collaboration with Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Centre for Philosophy and Indian Culture, University of Mysore, at the Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri here yesterday and said that the large gathering which was mesmerised listening to the address of the Monk, spontaneously stood up and applauded.

'I salute you people on behalf of all the million Hindus belonging to all religious hues from India. I am proud to belong to a religion which has sheltered the persecuted and refugees of all religions and all nations of the earth and which has taught to the world both tolerance and universal acceptance,' expounded Hampana on Vivekananda's address.

Swami Vivekanada along with the concept of Hindu religion propounded Vedanta, Yoga, Philosophy and the rich Indian culture very eloquently. He repeatedly talked about diversity and the need for peaceful coexistence of all religions. That very day he transpired from a *Yogapurusha* to *Yugapurusha,* he said.

Mahatma Gandhi and Swami Vivekananda who spoke about the new India were the harbingers of new ideas. While Gandhiji was responsible for getting India freedom, Vivekananda gave the country religious freedom, he said.

Vivekananda realising his end had come had renounced public life, became introspective and meditative. He had predicted that he would leave this world before he turned 40 and his prescience proved right as he departed at the age of 39, on July 4, 1902. However, his preachings and his messages still reverberate throughout the world, said Hampana.

Strong bonding with Mysuru

Swami Vivekananda had a strong bonding with Mysuru. It looked like Sriguru (Swami Ramakrishna Paramahamsa) himself had sent him to Mysuru. When he came here he was influenced by the place and also influenced others. He lauded the Maharaja's pro-people and social conscience, said Prof. Hampana.

University of Mysore Vice Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar inaugurated the programme. Ramakrishna Ashram President Swami Muktidanandaji and Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji spoke. Ramakrishna Vidyashala Chief Swami Yukteshanandaji was present.

Valedictory

On the concluding day today of the two-day national seminar, Illumine Knowledge Resources, Mumbai Founder and CEO Srinivas Venkataram speaking on 'Transforming youth power into an effective power for progressive India,' opined that social progress was equally important like economic progress. He asked the youth to realise their strength and work towards set goal.

The problems of the neighbours should also be viewed sympathetically with humility. He advised the youth to find solutions for their problems without waiting for someone else to solve them, he said.

Speaking on 'Spiritual strength of Swami Vivekananda as found in USA,' Sri Mangalanathanandaji of Ramakrishna Ashrama, Bengaluru recalled that during a discourse of the Swami in New York, USA, an American lady was stunned to see the monk almost motionless and still while meditating and assumed that the monk was not alive. The smiling monk asserted that he would not leave behind his body in USA and spoke on real meditation, he said.

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Dasara CM's Cup from Oct.1

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (RK&VNS)- Dasara Chief Minister's Cup that provides opportunities for rural athletes will be held from Oct. 1 to 4 said District Minister **V. Somanna,** here yesterday. He was speaking to media persons after releasing posters of Dasara Wrestling, Sports Meet, Publicity and Adventure Sports website at the ZP auditorium, here yesterday.

The Dasara Sports Meet will be held from Oct. 1 to 4 at the Chamundi Vihar Stadium, NIE Indoor Stadium, Mysore Tennis Club, D. Devaraja Urs Multipurpose Stadium, Indoor Stadiums at Maharaja's College and Manasagangothri he said and added that the committee will organise 24 sports event during the four-day event.

Stating that about 4,500 athletes and 500 technicians from five divisions would take part in this year's event, Somanna added that arrangements would be made to provide boarding and lodging facilities along with transport, medical among others.

He also added the in an effort to encourage youngsters to build confidence and cultivate adventurous attitude, the sports sub-committee would be organising adventure sports at Varuna Lakes and KRS Backwaters from Sept. 29 to Oct. 8.

River Rafting

This year, the watersports enthusiasts will take part in various activities has the authorities have organised a 3.5 km white water river rafting on River Cauvery from Hotel Mayura in Srirangapatna to Triveni Sangama. The participants would also be briefed about Garrison Cemetery, Diwan Pooranaiah's House, Scott's Bungalow and Gosai Ghat. This apart other watersports such as jet-skiing, speed boat, banana boat, kayaking, canyoning, aquaslide, water zorbing and others will be organised.

This apart, trekking, Chamundi Hill steps climbing will be held from the foot of Chamundi Hill and other adventure sports such as body zorbing will be held in the Stadium. A special programme under the theme 'Strong India' (Sadruda Bharata) will be held from Sept. 29 to Oct. 8 at Kuppanna Park. Cycle Polo will be held on Oct. 5 at Chamundi Vihar Stadium. Half Marathon, 10K Run and 5K Run will be held on Oct.6.

MP Pratap Simha and MLA L. Nagendra launched the Dasara Sports website www.karnataka.gov.in/dyes/dasara on the occasion. The website has the details of various sports activities, venues, contact and other details for the benefits of the athletes.

Pairing of Wrestlers

Meanwhile, the paring of wrestlers for the upcoming Dasara Wrestling Championship will be held tomorrow at the B.V. Karanth Ranga Mandira at 10 am. Those willing to participate must bring two passport size photos and two other photographs dressed in wrestling attire and submit them along with bank and aadhaar details.

KPL franchise owner quizzed for alleged match-fixing

Bengaluru, Sept. 21- The Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths have cracked down on illegalities in the recently concluded Karnataka Premier League (KPL). Yesterday, the Special Enquiry Squad picked up Ali Asfak Thara, owner of Belagavi Panthers franchise, for his alleged involvement in match-fixing and betting.

According to Police sources, Ali was said to have been in touch with players of other teams while the tourney was underway. They said inquiry was still on and further information would be available only after a detailed investigation.

The Bengaluru Police are also expected to seek assistance of Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) and Anti-Corruption Unit of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in probing the case.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, KSCA Official Spokesperson and KPL Governing Council Member Vinay Mruthyunjaya said that the Police had not informed KSCA about the alleged match-fixing and betting during the KPL and added that the Association would extend its fullest co-operation to the investigating agency if they were approached.

The Police are also expected to question other players with whom Ali was in touch during the KPL. It is also believed that the accused was in touch with few punters and bookies in Mumbai.

South Africa 'A' Vs India 'A' Unofficial Test

Panchal slams century

Match ends in a draw, India 'A' claims the series 1-0

Mysuru, Sept.21 - Opener Priyank Panchal (109, 192b, 9x4, 4x6) scored an well compiled century and hogged the limelight on the final day of the second and final un-official Test match between India 'A' and South Africa 'A' at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium, here yesterday.

India 'A' resuming at their overnight score of 14 for no loss, scored 202 for three in 70 overs before declaring their innings at the stroke of tea. With no result possible and the match towards a draw, both Captains decided to shakes hands and walk off the field.

Priyank Panchal impressed with his cover drives and batted negotiated the South African spinners with ease. Abhimanyu Easwaran (37, 93b, 3x4) fell to Piedt, attempting to cut a ball close to his body. The openers added 94-runs for the first

wicket. Shubman Gill (0) departed early clipping one from Piedt straight to short mid-on.

Karun Nair continued his good form and batted well to score an unbeaten 51 (99b) and added 92-runs for the third-wicket with Priyank Panchal. Skipper Wriddhiman Saha remained not out on 1. Aiden Markram was adjudged as the Man of the Match.

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India 'A' 417 & 202 for three decl. in 70 overs (Priyank Panchal 109, Karun Nair 51 n.o, Abhimanyu Easwaran 37, Piedt two for 88) drew with South Africa 'A' 400 in 109.3 overs.

AITA Men's Ranking Tennis Tournament

Suraj Prabodh finishes runner-up

Suraj R. Prabodh (centre) receiving the runner-up trophy from the guests in the AITA Men's Tennis Tournament at the Harvest Tennis Academy, Jassowal, yesterday.

Jassowal, Sept. 21- Mysuru lad Suraj R Prabodh taking part in the Rs.2.5 lakh AITA Men's Ranking Tennis Tournament at the Harvest Tennis Academy in Jassowal (Punjab) finished runner-up in the men's singles event, yesterday.

In the final, Ishaque Eqbal beat Suraj 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 to clinch the title. Earlier in the semi-finals, Suraj had scored an upset win over top-seed Kunal Anand 6-1, 7-6(4).

Selected for Intl. Throwball Championship at Thailand

Mysuru, Sept. 21- The throwball players of Friends Sport Academy (both men and women) will be representing India in the International Throwball Championship to be held in Thailand from the Sept. 25-29.

Formerly known as RaceTech, the Academy was established in the year1991, and since then has been a pioneer in training and participating in State-level, National-level and International level throwball events. The Academy has several categories (from juniors to seniors) of players who have played in various level of tournaments across the world. The Academy also has to its credit the winner's titles in both men's and women's category at the Asian World Throwball Championship-2018 held in Malaysia.

Teams taking part in this year's championship are as follows:

Men: Ganesh Acharya, Robert Sabestian, Ranjith Mohan, Melrick Olivera, P.V. Sugnan, M.K. Nagaraj, Kushal Gowda, Mummoorthy Sankar, Srisai Bhuneshwari Sankar, K.R. Prannay and Esakkidurai, B.D. Umashankar.

Women: Joyce Wesley, Rochelle Konganda Dilip, Sandhya Murugan, Sharanya Manjunath, Arpita Paliya, Smrithi Sunayana Subramanya, G.P. Hema, Rakshitha Bomme Gowda, A.V. Harshitha, B.R. Deepika, Runel Eva D'souza, H.S. Bhavana, N.P. Preethi and Lakshmishree Sridhar.

General Secretary Narasimhamurthy Cheluvaiah, Team Manager Ravindranatha Ballur Katagi, Men's Team Coach Naveen Kumar Narayana and Women's Team Coach Dashrath Sidram Katke.

KSCA Inter-Zonal U-16 Tournament

Bangalore City XI gains first innings points

Bengaluru, Sept.21- Bangalore City XI gained the vital first innings lead of 12-runs and secured the first innings points in their drawn two-day KSCA Inter-Zonal U-16 match against Mysuru Zone which concluded at BGS Grounds on Tuesday last. Mysuru Zone, in reply to Bangalore City XI's first innings score of 137, were bowled out for 125 runs in the first innings and conceded a vital first innings lead of 12-runs.

M.K. Yashwanth (27) and Aryan Kaverappa (21) were amongst the run scorers for Mysuru Zone. **SCORES**

Bangalore City XI: 137 in 53 overs (S.Biswal 39, M. Avsalaan 26, A. Hegde 4 for 37, Manvanth Kumar 3 for 24, A. Hegde 4 for 37, A. Rangan 2 for 16) drew with **Mysuru Zone:** 125 in 58 overs (M.K. Yashwanth 27, Aryan Kaverappa 21).

'Varalakshmi' reluctantly returns to Forest camp

Tearful farewell to pregnant pachyderm at Mysore Palace

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (MTY&NNN)-Elephant 'Varalakshmi' which had joined the first batch of Dasara elephants to participate in the *Jumboo Savari* returned to the forest camp reluctantly yesterday.

While it was moving around in the Mysore Palace premises where the elephants, mahouts and kavadis are camping, it was found that Varalakshmi was pregnant and hence it had become inevitable to return it to the forest camp from where it had come.

Yesterday, after the traditional prayer, it was given a tearful send off, back to the Mattigodu camp. When a lorry was brought near it to take it back, Varalakshmi sensed that she was going to be taken away and hence ran away from the spot and joined the other pachyderms, almost telling 'I will not go back but stay here with my other mates.' The others who watched this move of the pregnant elephant were also in tears.

Varalakshmi had come to Mysuru on Aug.23 and on Aug.26 along with other mates, camped in the Palace premises. From Aug.28, she started participating in the rehearsals. Meantime, the Veterinary doctors confirmed that she was pregnant during the regular check-up.

In the light of this, she was given special, nutritious food and being taken care of. Because of her condition, she was not allowed to participate in the cannon drill rehearsal. There were many who had objected for bringing a pregnant elephant to participate in Dasara.

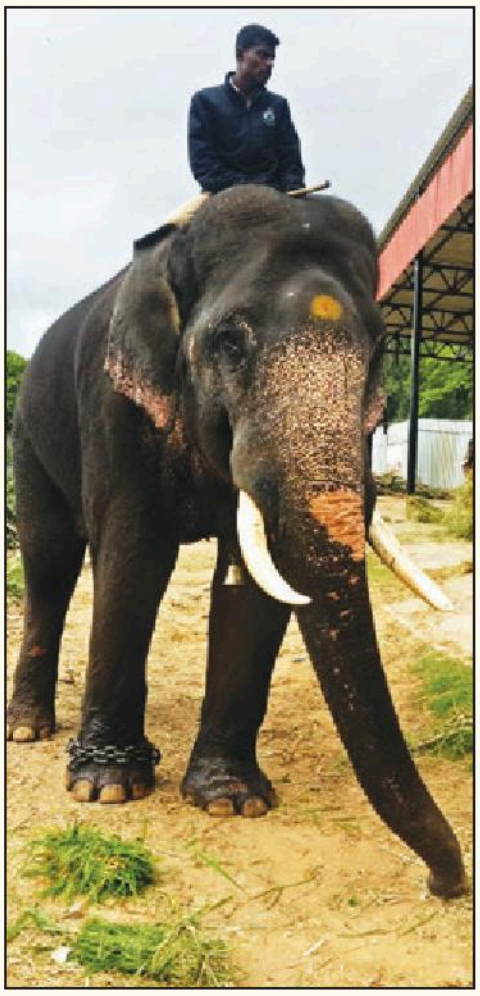
Staff become emotional: After a decision was taken to send Varalakshmi, 63, back, a lorry was brought yesterday morning. Mahout J.K. Ravi and Kavadi Madesha and their families were shifting their belongings into the lorry and closely watching this from the spot where she was standing, she looked at the lorry when it was brought near her with a look of disdain.

Varalakshmi refused to climb the lorry and instead went and stood near the other elephants. Seeing the predicament of the pregnant elephant, the other elephants, mahouts and kavadis shed tears. Finally, she was won over and left the Palace premises with a heavy heart.

Elephants are emotional animals. They watch the developments around them very closely. They have a gestation period of 18 months and hence it was thought that Varalakshmi could be kept for some more days and looked after. However, a few had taken strong exception to the presence of the pregnant elephant and hence, it was sent back to the forest camp.

The gentle elephant was captured in the Kakanakote forest in 1977 and was participating in the *Jumboo Savari* since the last ten years. This would have been its 11th year.

Gopalaswamy replaces jumbo Varalakshmi



There is a tradition that 12 elephants should participate in the Dasara procession. Now, Gopalaswamy is replacing Varalakshmi. Gopalaswamy which has the capacity to carry the Golden Howdah was not brought this time. It had little health issues and hence it lost the opportunity to be a part of the first and second batch of elephants that arrived in city.

However, it has now regained its health and in this background, Gopalaswamy was brought from Mattigodu camp last evening at 4.45 to the Palace premises.

Now, including Lakshmi which was replacing Varalakshmi, there are 13 elephants in the list. Gopalaswamy was captured in 2009 in Hotturu near Sakleshpur in Hassan District. The 37-year-old elephant which has peaceful manners will be participating for the sixth time in the procession.

Gopalaswamy is 2.62 metres tall, 3.42 metres long and weighs 3,242 kg. Mahout Srijan and Kavadi Shivaraju are in his charge.

Seven ivory thieves arrested

Mysuru, Sept. 21- The Forest Mobile Squad has arrested seven persons who stole ivory from a dead elephant at Kebbalamma Forest Range in Sathanur near Ramanagara.

The accused are Manoj, son of Suryaparakash from Bengaluru, Chandrakumar, son of M.B. Suresh of Mandya, D.Y. Abhishek, son of Yalakkaiah, Wasim Pasha, son of Anwar Pasha and Siddaraju, son of Siddarama. The names of the other two accused has not been revealed by the Police.

The accused were arrested from Madegowdanadoddi near Mandya. According to Forest officers, the tusker had died due to natural causes and the accused had sneaked into the forests with an intention to steal ivory. They cut open the elephant's jaws and had removed the tusks and had carried them in a vehicle.

Two tusks, one Maruti Swift car and two bikes have been recovered from them. Conservator of Forest T. Heeralal and Deputy Conservator of Forests Poovaiah supervised the operation.

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	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
HINDI			
Prassthanam	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Rambo : Last Blood	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
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Inkokkadu	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
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Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas (H)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Kaappan (Ta)	(S-1)	6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Nishkarsha (K)	(S-2)	10.35 am
Prassthanam (H)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
The Zoya Factor (H)	(S-2)	7.15 pm; (S-3) 4.40 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Valmiki (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Kurukshetra (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Dream Girl (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Pailwaan (K)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 6.45 pm
Mission Mangal (H)	(S-4)	4.10 pm

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Pailwaan (K)	(S-2)	9.40 am, 3.15 pm, 6.35 pm
Dream Girl (H)	(S-1)	12.55 pm
Chhichhore (H)	(S-4)	4.00 pm
Nishkarsha (K)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Prassthanam (H)	(S-4)	1.00 pm
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Kaappan (Ta)	(S-3)	9.45 am, 4.00 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Rambo : Last Blood (E)	(S-2)	12.55 pm; (S-3) 7.20 pm
Valmiki (Te)	(S-4)	9.45 pm
Nani's Gang Leader (Te)	(S-3)	9.40 pm

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Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas (H)	9.40 am, 3.50 pm
Pailwaan (K)	11.35 am, 6.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Chhichhore (H)	12.40 pm, 6.35 pm
The Zoya Factor (H)	12.55 pm, 7.00 pm
Nishkarsha (K)	3.20 pm
Dream Girl (H)	3.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Saaho (H)	9.50 pm
Valmiki (Te)	10.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 21)

Navakarnataka: 60th anniversary, book expo, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru, JLB Road, **9.30 am to 8.30 pm.**

Sri Kalanikethana School of Art: Painting expo by artist B. Kiran Kumar, School premises, CA-15, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **11 am to 6 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Workshop on 'Laya' by Padma Shri Dr. T.K. Murthy, Ganabharathi premises, Kuvempunagar, **4 pm onwards.**

University of Mysore (UoM) and Sapna Book House: Book release — 'Vaidyakiya Vairudhyagalu' and 'Anuvamshiya Kayilegalu' authored by Dr. Suttur S. Malini — Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, MPs V. Sreenivasa Prasad and Pratap Simha will release the books, felicitation to Prof. N.B. Ramachandra, Prof. Nilagiri Talwar, Ramalingegowda and Dr. C. Sharath Kumar, Prof. S.N. Hegde speaks about the books, UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, Vijnana Bhavana, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling for kids by Divya Vinay, Principal, Busy Bee Montessori, Kuvempunagar, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

Raaga Music Academy, Mysuru: Music for Wellness, talk on 'Healthy living through Ayurveda and Yoga' by Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthypuram, Director, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, Mysuru, **4.30 pm;** Grand Vocal Concert by Vidu. J.K. Yoga Kirthana, accompanied by Vid. Venkatesh Josyer - violin, Vid. P.S. Sridhar - mridanga and Vid. Sharath Kaushik - ghata, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, #434, 'Melody,' A&B Block, Vishwamanava Double Road, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**

Sahitya Academi, New Delhi, Rangabhoomi Trust, Kodagu and Natana Rangashale, Mysuru: Kodava Language and Literate Day (Haradasa Appachakavi 151st birth anniversary), theatre artiste from Kodagu A.K. Anitha delivers welcome address, Sahitya Academi Member Addanda Cariappa delivers introductory address, book release by Litterateur and Cultural Thinker of Mysuru Dr. Adengada A. Kuttappa, guest lecture by Bharani Art Gallery - Mysuru Director Nellamakkada B. Kaveriappa, Natana's Mandya Ramesh presides, Odiyanda Ganesh and Kattera A. Nanaiah will be present, **5 pm;** Staging of Kodava play 'Baduk,' Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Hoysala Kannada Sangha, Savigannada Patrika Balaga and Sri Mahajana Sabha: Special lecture on 'Sri Rama Mahadarshana' written by Poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekhar, litterateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar inaugurates, Hoysala Kannada Sangha President Maddikere Gopal presides, Assistant Professor of KSOU Dr. Jyothi Shankar talks on 'Sri Rama Mahadarshana - Ondu Avalokana' with Gamaka Vachana by Gamaka Vidushi Annapurna Nagendra, writer B.R. Nagarathna and Gamaki B.P. Ashwathnarayana chief guests, Dr. Latha Rajashekhar and Paediatrician Dr. H.B. Rajashekhar will be present, Krishnamurthypuram Ramamandira, **5 pm.**

Mysore District Gamaka Kala Parishat Trust: S. Ramaswamy memorial programme, Kavi Kalidasana Raghuvamsha Aadarsha Rajana Lakshanangalu, vachana by T.P. Subhashini, vyakhyana by T.P. Vachaspati Narayana, Sri Lakshmi Narasimha temple, Srirampura, **7pm**

Dasara-2019: 'Yuva Sambhrama' by various college students, Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, **5.30 pm to 10 pm.**

DASARA-2019: YUVA SAMBHRAMA

CULTURAL PROGRAMMES BY VARIOUS COLLEGE STUDENTS — H.D. Deve Gowda Government First Grade College, Holenarasipura, Hassan - Culture Folk Art, **5.30 pm;** Haranahalli Ramaswamy Institute of Higher Education, Hassan- Environment Conservation and Man-made Disasters, **5.40 pm;** Government First Grade College, Periyapatna-National Integration, **5.50 pm;** Government FGC, Napoklu , Madikeri - Kodagu Folklore, **6 pm;** Govt. First Grade Degree College, Bannur, T. Narasipura - Mysore Wadiyar Dynasty and Heritage, **6.10 pm;** Maharani' Women's Arts College- Nanu Nimma Magalu, **6.20 pm;** Jnanodaya Institute of Nursing, T. Narasipura - Portraying Kannada and Culture, **6.30 pm;** NDRL First Grade College, Hassan- Mythology-**6.40 pm**; Nisarga College of Management, Kollegal - National Integration, **6.50pm;** Government First Grade College, Paduvalahippe, Holenarasipura, Mythology- **7.00 pm;** Sri Kaginele Mahasamsthana Kanakaguru Peeta College of Education, Mysuru- Presenting Kannada and Culture-**7.10 pm;** The Directorate of Students Welfare, University of Mysore- Janapada Parampare, **7.20 pm;** Government First Grade College for Women, KR Nagar-National Integration-**7.30 pm;** Vidyaniketana Pre-University College, Hunsur- Dance Feature on Vijayanagar Empire-**7.40 pm;** Vani Vilas Urs Women's First Grade College, Mysuru- Dasara Celebration during Mysore Wadiyar Dynasty- **7.50 pm;** De Paul First Grade College, Mysuru- Mythology-**8.00 pm;** Government Degree College, Naguvanahalli- Mandya, Kannada and Culture Folk Art- **8.10 pm; The National Institute of Engineering, Mysuru -** National Integration-**8.20 pm;** Government Women's First Grade College, Mysuru- Environment Conservation- **8.30 pm;** Vishwashanthi Educational Institute Arts and Science Degree College, Mysuru- Kannada and Culture-**8.40 pm;** GSSS Badri Prasadji Pre-University College, Siddharthanagar, Mysuru- Environment Conservation-**8.50 pm;** K. Puttaswamy First Grade College, Mysuru - Patriotism, **9.00 pm;** Bishop College of Commerce & Business Management, Mysuru - National Integration-**9.10 pm;** Government Degree College, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru - Independent Indian Army and Kannada Culture - **9.20 pm**; Sri Vivekananda Composite PU College, Mysuru - Unity in Diversity- **9.30 pm**; Sri Lakshmi Hayagreeva Institute of Science, Commerce and Management- Mysuru- Shiva Thandava- **9.40 pm**; MIT FGC, Mysuru- Forest and Wildlife Conservation- **9.50 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 22)

Nagamma Foundation: *Krutagnate*, Bhavanegala Sangama, 13th anniversary, Poshana Kale and Turning Point Video launch and awards ceremony, BVB, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**

Abhiruchi Balaga: Kala Kavya Sangma, State-level Abhiruchi Sadanasri Award, Dr. Ravindraswamy, founder, Supreme School, will inaugurate, Kalihundi Shivakumar presides, Writer Sathish Javaregowda, Prabhuswamy Malimath of AIR will present awards; dance feature, kavigoshti, Senior Poet Jayapppa Honnali presides, Supreme School, Sharadadevinagar, **10.30 am.**

Mysore District Gamaka Kala Parishat: Kavya Vyasanga Ghosti, Srihari Charithe-Ullasa-26 by Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, Vyakhyana - Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, Parishat premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **11 am.**

Ganabharathi: Felicitation to Padma Shri Dr. T.K. Murthy, Karnatak Music Vocal Concert by Vid. N.R. Prashanth, accompanied by Dr. Murthy on mridanga, mridanga support by Vidu. Ashwini and Vid. Narasimhan, Vid. Matthur Srinidhi on violin and Vidu. Sukanya Ramgopal on ghata, Ganabharathi premises, Kuvempunagar, **4 pm onwards.**

Life is Calling: 9th edition of Celebration Mysore Marathon, Run for our Soldier and Green Mysuru, Balarama Gate, Palace North Gate, **4.45 am.**

Gayana Sabha: Hindustani Classical Music Concerts, sitar by Ustad Shafique Khan and vocal by S. Hiranmayee accompanied by Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla, Vighnesh Bhagavat on harmonium, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, **5.30 pm.**

Prathibhe Vedike: Bhava Sangama, Nrithyagiri Director Dr. Kripa Phadke will inaugurate, KEONICS Chief S. Umesh chief guest, lecture by Retired Principal R.A. Kumar, Vedike President S. Rajaratnam presides, Dr. Pradeepkumar Hebri Auditorium, Srirampura, **5.45 pm.**

Sri Krishna Gana Sabha : Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Centenary Music concerts, flute concert by Vid. Dr. C.A. Sridhar and Vid. C.S. Keshava Chandra accompanied by Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murty on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on ghata, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam, **6pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Bhagavadgita and Karma Yoga,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Chikka Garadi Sangha: Sri Amba Puja Mahotsava, Matti Puja, Garadi premises in Ashokapuram, **7.30 pm.**

Natana Rangashaale: Staging of play 'Chora-charanadasa, direction - Mandya Ramesh, Natana, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Lions Club of Mysore Heritage City: 7th anniversary, official visit of District Governor Ln. Nagaraj V. Bairy; President Ln. N.R. Mahadev presides, Past District Governor Ln. M.N. Jai Prakash will present, Hotel Komfort Suites, Yadavagiri, **7 pm.**

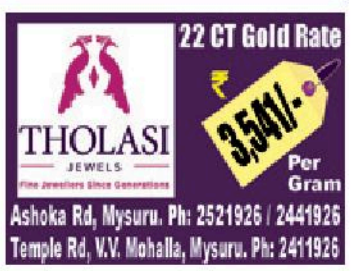
Campaign on Adverse Childhood Experiences tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept. 21 (KS) - The Mysore Chapter of Make A Difference (MAD) is conducting *Broken Is Beautiful,* an on-ground event on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) in city.

ACEs are unforgettable traumatic episodes of abuse, neglect or domestic dysfunction that one experiences as a child. According to a study, it was found that Adverse Childhood Experiences were common among children placed in institutional care. Nearly 2/3rd of the respondents had experienced ACEs ranging from violence, deprivation, neglect, fear for personal safety, and abuse. Nearly 1/4th of the children were found lost, missing, or illegally working by authorities, and turned over to shelter-care.

The event will be held on Sept. 22 at Rahul Convention Hall in J.P. Nagar from 3 pm.

For details, contact Mob: 87928-89901, according to a press release.



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